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In New York, prices were 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all weights when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand continued light to good. Supplies were tight to sufficient. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the light to at times good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged with the balance of prices sharply higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good and best into active features with food service demand light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Demand was light to moderate with offerings light. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

		IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-65	59-62	LARGE 37-46	41
LARGE	55-64	57-60	MEDIUM 24-30	28
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47	SMALL 5-9	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good. Supplies were balanced to tight for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the light to good demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	66-67
LARGE	58-72	63-67
MEDIUM	47-60	52-54

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Extra large prices increased 15 cents, large up 16 cents and mediums are 6 cents above last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Demand was mostly slow to instances moderate for the light offerings. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.5-72	65-68
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	44.5-53	46-49

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were closely balanced to sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to about adequate for a light to moderately good demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44.25-70	64-67
LARGE	39.25-68	62-65
MEDIUM	36.25-56	49-53

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	74-78
LARGE	72-76
MEDIUM	59-63

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-71	64-66
LARGE	61-69	62-64
MEDIUM	48-56	49-51

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 14 cents higher on jumbo, 15 cents higher on extra large and large, and 7 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last week with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 4%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 14 cents higher on jumbo, 15 cents higher on extra large and large, and 7 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 4 higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light to adequate. Small benchmark price 68.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	116
EXTRA LARGE	111
LARGE	102
MEDIUM	88

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO	299-349
EXTRA LARGE	249-275	EXTRA LARGE	269-319
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	259-299
MEDIUM	189	MEDIUM	179-269

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 02, 2006 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 26, 2006 were 334,363 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	289,192	45,171	334,363
% change from the prior week.....	-3	+11	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings light. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-29	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-22	16-18

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of finished product were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-14.75 CENTS/LB.	11-12.5	11.62

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best for the mostly fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the Memorial Day holiday. Sales of finished product was light to fair. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-14 CENTS/LB.	11-12	11.45
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAY 29, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.7	21.5	6.4	9.7	11.0	56.3
	Change	0.5	8.1	-1.4	-2.8	0.7	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.0	34.2	12.5	18.9	35.9	124.5
	Change	0.1	2.4	1.2	-5.6	4.8	2%
Large	Curr Wk	31.7	104.1	65.3	74.0	96.5	371.6
	Change	-5.2	1.9	-0.4	-27.2	1.5	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.6	43.3	24.3	16.9	33.4	128.5
	Change	-1.8	-5.5	10.7	-2.3	1.7	2%
Small	Curr Wk	3.7	9.3	4.3	3.8	3.3	24.4
	Change	-0.3	1.0	1.8	1.9	-1.4	14%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.2	32.7	10.4	12.9	5.4	63.6
	Change	-0.3	-2.7	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	4.9	43.7	18.1	38.9	19.2	124.8
	Change	-7.8	-4.8	0.0	-0.6	-4.7	-13%
Total	Curr Wk	83.8	288.8	141.3	175.1	204.7	893.7
	Percent Change	-15%	0%	9%	-17%	1%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	893.7	-4%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	223.7	-2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1117.4	-3%	201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18
MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 15, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 26, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
21.00								17.50								38.50							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	LOADS						
GNR W 1	—	48.00	45.00	46.00	50.00	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	56.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	2.00						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	34.00	30.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	65.44	4.50	GL W XL	4.50						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	60.58	7.00	GL W LG	7.00						
GL W XL	—	—	58.00	58.50	50.75	52.00	8.00	GL W MD	33.00	—	—	—	—	40.75	2.00	GL W MD	2.00						
GL W LG	—	—	—	58.00	49.30	51.00	10.00																
GL W MD	—	—	41.75	44.50	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/22/06-05/26/06

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
85.25								76.75								162.00							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	LOADS						
GNR W 1	31.00	50.44	37.90	42.27	44.82	40.50	41.00	GNR W 1	—	53.20	—	62.00	—	—	12.50	GNR W 1	12.50						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	34.00	30.00	—	2.00	GL W J	53.00	—	—	—	61.10	64.26	4.25	GL W J	4.25						
GNR BR 1	—	—	39.50	40.50	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	45.00	56.00	—	—	—	63.41	13.75	GL W XL	13.75						
GL W J	—	—	48.50	49.50	49.75	—	4.00	GL W LG	44.00	54.40	—	64.50	—	59.93	41.25	GL W LG	41.25						
GL W XL	—	—	58.00	57.80	49.33	53.50	35.25	GL W MD	29.41	—	29.64	—	—	35.32	10.25	GL W MD	10.25						
GL W LG	—	—	51.13	57.40	50.81	56.00	53.50	GL W SM	20.50	—	—	—	—	25.00	1.00	GL W SM	1.00						
GL W MD	45.00	—	39.00	39.00	29.78	—	14.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	1.00						
GL W SM	23.50	26.50	24.25	26.00	—	—	3.00																
GL BR LG	—	—	51.00	—	—	—	3.00																
GL BR MD	30.00	35.00	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	21.00	—	28.00	13.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	13.00	17.67	6.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	12.33	6.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/22/06	05/15/06	05/23/05
PACIFIC COAST	95	102	150
LOS ANGELES	92	98	150

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is sharply higher on extra large, large and medium. Steady on small. Supplies are well balanced to tight. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.08
LARGE	80.08
MEDIUM	66.86
SMALL	46.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Period: 05/21/2006 - 05/27/2006

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	3,904	3,904
Arkansas	0	780	810	1,590
Colorado	0	0	4,948	4,948
Illinois	120	120	1,182	1,422
Iowa	6,813	12,075	49,945	68,833
Maine	0	0	2,340	2,340
Michigan	0	0	5,630	5,630
Minnesota	4,370	990	8,519	13,879
Missouri	0	0	7,970	7,970
New Hampshire	0	2,550	810	3,360
North Carolina	1,710	1,259	2,542	5,511
Ohio	840	810	2,408	4,058
Oregon	2,739	656	960	4,355
South Dakota	0	0	596	596
Texas	0	0	2,415	2,415
Utah	0	720	6,845	7,565
Virginia	0	780	0	780
Washington	3,489	218	0	3,707
Wisconsin	1,440	0	750	2,190
Grand Total	21,521	20,958	102,574	145,053
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	21,521	20,958	102,574	145,053